



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94468

Toshihisa KOMORI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/576,496

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Joann Stewart

Filed: April 20, 2006

For: BONE AND/OR JOINT DISEASE-ASSOCIATED GENES

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

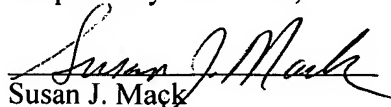
Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	94	-	58	=	36	X	\$50.00	= \$1800.00
Independent	15	-	15	=		X	\$200.00	= \$.00
TOTAL								= \$1800.00

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$1800.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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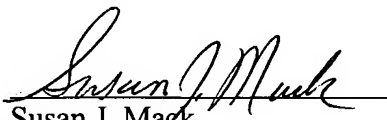
**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN OPINION OF
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (ISA)**

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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of the English translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA). It is noted that the 9 references identified in ISA were previously submitted to the U.S. PTO with an Information Disclosure Statement on April 20, 2006, and are therefore not enclosed herewith.

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